# **COST ASSUMPTIONS**

## FOR CONTAMINANT FACT SHEETS



See related Fact Sheets: Acronyms & Abbreviations; Glossary of Terms; Raw Water Composition; Total Plant Costs; and WaTER Program.

#### 1. COST INDEX DATA

Construction and annual O&M costs were derived from: the WaTER Program; Estimating Water Treatment Costs, volumes 1 and 2 of EPA-600/2-79-162a, August 1979; or from manufacturer's product data information. Cost estimates are as of March 2001, are considered accurate within +30% to -15%, and are primarily intended as a guide for comparing alternative water treatment options. More accurate cost estimates can be determined given site specific data and verification of assumptions.

EPA cost index updates as follows:

October 1978 ENR construction cost index = 2581; February 1999 = 5992; March 2001 = 6273.

October 1978 PPI O&M materials index = 71.6; February 1999 = 130.8; March 2001 = 137.8.

October 1978 PPI O&M energy cost = \$0.03/kW-hr; February 1999 & March 2001 = \$0.07/kW-hr.

October 1978 PPI O&M labor cost = \$10/hr; February 1999 = \$30/hr; March 2001 = \$32.5/hr.

Total annual O&M cost = sum of materials, energy, and labor costs.

The following WaTER Program cost components are based on those used by ENR at www.enr.com or 212-512-2000:

<u>Category</u>	<u>2001 Value</u>	<u>Used For</u>
Construction cost index	6,279.45	Manufactured & electrical equipment
Building cost index	3,541.01	Housing
Skilled labor index	5,874.20	Excavation, site work, & labor
Materials index	2,115.65	Piping & valves
Steel cost (\$/cwt)	28.01	Steel
Cement cost (\$/ton)	80.35	Concrete
Materials index	2,115.65	Maintenance materials
Electricity cost (\$/kWhr)	0.07	Power
Labor rate (\$/hr)	32.5	Labor

#### 2. PROCESS ASSUMPTIONS

- **A. Raw Water Pumps:** Costs derived from WaTER program. No. of pumps: 2 centrifugal single stage. Pump efficiency: 75%, motor efficiency 90%. Horsepower based on flowrate.
- **B. Screening/Straining:** Costs derived from manufacturer's product data information. Velocity: 2.5 ft/sec, "Water Supply and Pollution Control;" second edition; J.W. Clark, W. Viessman Jr., and M.J. Hammer. Screen size opening: 1/4-inch. 3-, 4-, 5-, and 6-inch diameter screens for flows 0.25, 0.50, 0.75, and 1.0 MGD, respectively. Estimated annual O&M for all flows: \$1,000.
- **C. Rapid Mix:** Costs derived from "Estimating Water Treatment Costs." DT: 30 sec, "Recommended Standards for Water Works;" 1982. G value = 900.
- D. Polymer Addition: Costs derived from WaTER program. General settling aid: \$1.50/lb. Dosage: 3.0 mg/L.
- E. Antiscalant: Costs derived from WaTER program. RO and EDR membrane aid: \$1.50/lb. Dosage: 0.5 mg/L.
- F. Dry Alum Coagulation: Costs derived from WaTER program. Al<sub>2</sub>(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub> cost: \$22/100 lbs. Dosage: 230 mg/L.
- G. Ferric Sulfate Coagulation: Costs derived from WaTER program. Fe<sub>2</sub>(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub> cost: \$260/short ton. Dosage: 3.0 mg/L.
- **H1. Lime Softening with Upflow Solids Contact Clarifier:** Costs derived from WaTER program. Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> cost: \$340/ton. Dosage: 84.3 mg/L. Two SCC units, each sized for ½ total flow. SCC DT: 120 min. SCC O&M G value = 150. **H2. Lime/Soda Ash Softening with Upflow Solids Contact Clarifier:** Costs derived from WaTER program. Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> cost: \$340/ton. Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> cost: \$340/ton. Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> dosage: 84.3 mg/L; Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> dosage: 278 mg/L. Two SCC units, each sized for ½ total flow. SCC DT: 120 min. SCC O&M G value = 150.

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- **I. Horizontal Paddle Flocculator:** Costs derived from "Estimating Water Treatment Costs." DT: 30 min, "Recommended Standards for Water Works;" 1982. G value = 80.
- **J1. Circular Clarifier:** Costs derived from "Estimating Water Treatment Costs." SLR: 1.0 gal/min/ft², "Recommended Standards for Water Works;" 1982. DT @ 12' sidewall depth: 90 min. Structure is concrete.
- **J2. Tube Settler:** Costs derived from "Estimating Water Treatment Costs." SLR: 2.5 gal/min/ft², "Estimating Water Treatment Costs;" volumes 1 and 2; EPA-600/2-79-162a; August 1979.
- **K. Dual Media Gravity Filter:** Costs derived from WaTER program are based on two concrete basins. Dual media cost: \$938/m³@0.25 MGD; \$815/m³@0.50 MGD; \$701/m³@0.75 MGD; & \$582/m³@1.0 MGD. Dual media FLR: 5.0 gal/min/ft², "Estimating Water Treatment Costs;" volumes 1 and 2; EPA-600/2-79-162a; August 1979. 2 units, each sized for plant capacity. 24 hr wash cycle. Media depth: 1 m. Media volume: 3.2 m³@0.25 MGD; 6.5 m³@0.50 MGD; 9.7 m³@0.75 MGD; 12.9 m³@1.0 MGD. TSS density: 35 g/L. Costs include backwash pump, filter structure, and pipe gallery housing. Backwash piping: 7 ft/sec. Backwash pump: 50' TDH. Maximum backwash rate: 18 gal/min/ft².
- **L. Chlorine Disinfection:** Costs derived from WaTER program. Gaseous  $Cl_2$  cost: \$500/short ton, tank. Dosage (2.5 mg/L) = demand (2 mg/L) + residual (0.5 mg/L). Free chlorine residual of 0.2 0.5 mg/L and DT of 30 min for groundwater or 2 hrs for surface water, "Recommended Standards for Water Works;" 1982. Free chlorine residual = chlorine available as HOCl and OCl.
- **M1. Ion Exchange (Anion):** Costs derived from WaTER program. Regeneration cycle: 14 days. Resin cost: \$5,227/m³; 1.0 nominal equivalent/liter of resin for NO<sub>3</sub>. NaCl regeneration at 10% strength. Regenerant storage tank included. **M2. Ion Exchange (Cation):** Costs derived from WaTER program. Regeneration cycle: 14 days. Resin cost: \$1,819/m³; 1.9 nominal equivalent/liter of resin. NaCl regeneration at 10% strength.
- **M3. Ion Exchange (Mixed Bed):** Costs derived from WaTER program. Regeneration cycle: 14 days. Nuclear grade resin mixture (cation:anion) generally 1:1. Resin cost: \$4,662/m³; 1.9 nominal equivalent/liter (cation) resin; and 1.4 nominal equivalent/liter (anion) resin. NaCl regeneration at 10% strength.
- N. Oxidation with KMnO<sub>4</sub> followed by Greensand Filtration: Costs derived from WaTER program, adjusting gravity filtration for greensand filtration. KMnO<sub>4</sub> cost: \$2.10/lb (hopper truck). KMnO<sub>4</sub> dosage: 1.1 mg/L. Total gravel, greensand, and anthracite costs:  $$1,750 \text{m}^3@0.25 \text{ MGD}$ ;  $$1,539/\text{m}^3@0.50 \text{ MGD}$ ;  $$1,361/\text{m}^3@0.75 \text{ MGD}$ ;  $$$1,202/\text{m}^3@1.0 \text{ MGD}$ . Greensand loading rate:  $$5.0 \text{ gal/min/ft}^2$ . 2 units, each sized for plant capacity. 24 hr wash cycle. Media depth: 1 m. Media volume:  $$3.2 \text{ m}^3@0.25 \text{ MGD}$ ;  $$6.5 \text{ m}^3@0.50 \text{ MGD}$ ;  $$9.7 \text{ m}^3@0.75 \text{ MGD}$ ;  $$1.2.9 \text{ m}^3@1.0 \text{ MGD}$ . TSS density: \$35 g/L. Costs include backwash pump and filter structure.
- O. Granular Activated Carbon: Costs derived from WaTER program. 6 month bed life.
- **P. Reverse Osmosis:** Total direct capital costs derived from WaTER program and include cleaning system and some pretreatment (antiscalant) filters/chemicals. Operating pressure: 1380 kPa (200 psi). Membrane cost: \$525 per 8" module. Membrane life: 3 years. Product quality: 500 mg/L TDS. Two stage unit operating at 80% recovery with blending. Pretreatment not included.
- **Q. Microfiltration:** Total direct capital costs derived from WaTER program and include cleaning system and some pretreatment filters/chemicals. Design feed pressure: 207 kPa (30 psi). Membrane cost: \$650. Membrane life: 5 years.
- **R. Electrodialysis Reversal:** Costs derived from WaTER program and Ionics, Inc. Unit operates at 80% recovery. Product quality: 500 mg/L TDS. Pretreatment not included.
- **S.** Clearwell: Costs derived from WaTER program. Below ground concrete tank sized based on water source (30 min DT for groundwater or 2 hr DT for surface water) and flowrate.

### 3. RAW WATER VARIABLES

An assumed raw water composition is shown on the Raw Water Composition Fact Sheet. Following are the only raw water variables used to determine the cost curves:

- **A. Flow:** Costs for each BAT were prepared for flows of 0.25, 0.50, 0.75, and 1.0 MGD.
- **B. TDS:** A TDS of 2,500 mg/L was assumed for all processes; except for RO and EDR where three TDS ranges were estimated at 1,000, 2,500, and 5,000 mg/L.
- C. TSS: For dual media gravity and greensand filtration a TSS of 13.0 mg/L was estimated.